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**THE GENERAL RONALD W. YATES TEAM
QUALITY AWARD**

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This instruction implements AFMCPD 36-1, AFMC Organizational and Team Quality Awards. This guidance prescribes the objectives and criteria for the General Ronald W. Yates Team Quality Award. This instruction is designed to promote quality management by recognizing outstanding accomplishment by AFMC teams. This instruction applies to all AFMC organizations. It does not apply to Air National Guard and US Air Force Reserve units and members.

This is the first publication of AFMCI 36-103 establishing the General Ronald W. Yates Team Quality Award. This instruction renames the AFMC Commander's Team Quality Award previously addressed in AFMCI 36-101.

1. Description of the Award. The General Ronald W. Yates Team Quality Award (TQA) recognizes up to two exceptional teams each year for demonstrating disciplined approaches to process improvement. The award is based on the seven step Quality Air Force (QAF) Continuous Improvement Model. Teams such as Process Action Teams (PAT), Integrated Product Teams (IPT)*, Process Improvement Teams (PIT), Natural Work Groups (NWG), Quality Circles (QC), and similar teams are eligible to apply. Winners of this award also represent AFMC in the Air Force competition for the Chief of Staff, Air Force (CSAF) Team Quality Award. Centers and the headquarters are encouraged to conduct preliminary competitions to ensure that the most competitive teams compete at command level.

2. Award Criteria . The General Ronald W. Yates Team Quality Award is based upon the same criteria and eligibility requirements as the Chief of Staff-Air Force (CSAF) Team Quality Award (TQA). The CSAF TQA criteria are published each year by the Air Force Quality Institute (AFQI) and generally become available each April.

*NOTE: Organizational IPTs are encouraged to compete for appropriate unit quality awards. However, IPTs which are established/chartered to improve specific processes within finite time periods, using the QAF Continuous Improvement Model, are eligible to compete for this award.

3. Submission Schedule.

March Data Call

June Winners of the General Yates TQA Selected

July General Yates TQA Plaques Presented

August AFMC Nominees for the CSAF TQA to AFQI

October CSAF TQA Presented at Air Force Quality Symposium

NOTE:

This submission schedule represents dates current in 1995 but are subject to change. HQ AFMC/XPV will publish current schedules during the March data call.

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